

molding process, a transfer molding process, a casting process, an injection molding process.

Claim 2: A golf tee as in claim 1, wherein the ground penetration stopping means is a disk having a top surface and a bottom surface, such that the top and bottom surfaces are substantially perpendicular to the axis of the shaft, and such that the axis of the disk coincides with the axis of the shaft.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A golf tee as in claim 2, wherein the distance from the top surface to the ball support surface is ~~ranging from about 12.5 millimeters to about 40 millimeters~~ about 37 millimeters.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A golf tee as in claim 2, wherein the distance from the top surface to the ball support surface is about ~~30~~ 38 millimeters.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A golf tee as in claim 2, wherein the distance from the top surface to the ball support surface is about ~~35~~ 40 millimeters.

Claim 6: A golf tee as in claim 5, wherein the diameter of the disk is ranging from about 5 millimeters to about 20 millimeters.

Claim 7: A golf tee as in claim 5, wherein the diameter of the disk is about 10 millimeters.

### **Remarks**

In the Office Action dated 12-5-04, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102 over Sand (6,475,107). Claim 1 has been amended to narrow its scope and amplify the following elements that distinguish this invention from that claimed in the '107 patent: